

Canada's Elizabeth Stamp Is Due Feb. 16

St. Valentine's Day Postmark Offered To Stamp Collectors

St. Valentine's Day, sentimentally held dear in the hearts of young and old, will soon be here, with its gifts and messages of love.

Postmaster Patrick J. Connelly, of Boston, has good news for cover collectors, philatelists and just plain Valentine enthusiasts. He tells us that the Postmaster at Valentine, Nebraska will apply the Valentine, Nebraska postmark of February 14 or will release them with an earlier postmark if so requested.

Mrs. Margarite Phelps, Postmaster at Valentine tells us that the post office was named for Congressman E. K. Valentine, in 1882 but is now associated with the beloved St. Valentine, born Feb. 14, 270 A. D.

"A Valentine to My Valentine from Valentine, Nebraska," has become a national slogan.

The postmaster at Valentine enjoys meeting stamp collectors thru their letters, considers them fine, understanding and appreciative and feels that the Good Saint, Valentine, actually changes the incoming mail sacks to read "Valentine, Here I Come" and the outgoing sacks to read "Good Luck, Collectors."

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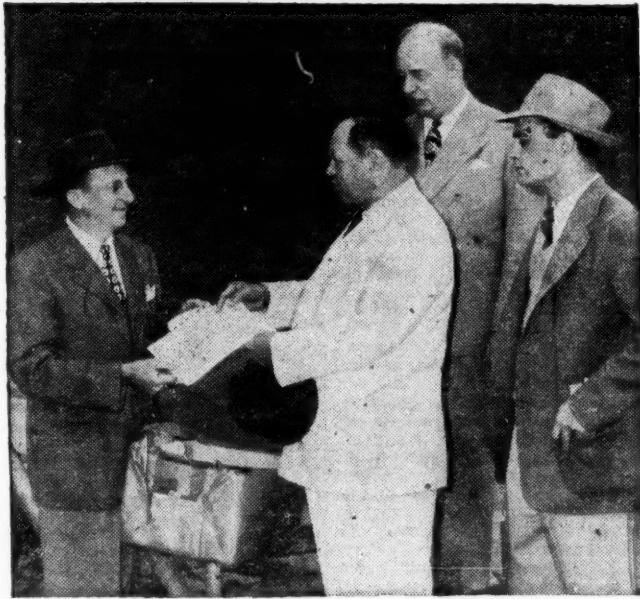
Also include a note or letter with request that the February 14 postmark be applied or an earlier postmark, as the case may be.

Additional Airmail Service For Cities In Southeastern U.S.

The Post Office Department announced that air mail service will be inaugurated on Route AM-87 effective February 14 at Cincinnati, Ohio; Lexington, Kentucky; Bristol, Virginia; Bristol, Johnson City and Kingsport, Tennessee; and Asheville, Charlotte, Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Wilmington, North Carolina; and effective February 20 at Louisville, Kentucky, and Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Raleigh, Durham, Goldsboro and New Bern, North Carolina.

Special cachets will be provided at all of these post offices as well as at the Air Mail Field, Cincinnati, Ohio. First flight

Cancer Fund To Benefit From Covers



(picture courtesy, "New York Herald Tribune")

Postmaster Hugh Emerson, of Miami, and F. H. Bedford Jr. examine one of 5,000 10-cent air-letter sheets which will be carried aboard the Atlas Sky Merchant on its tour of the world, and postmarked at each port of call along the 100-day, 45,000-mile route. At right are R. B. Holgate and Harold Corsini, who will accompany Mr. Bedford and other oil industry executives.

Announcement was made on January 20 that the 5,000 U. S. 10-cent Air-Letter sheets which are being carried aboard the ATLAS SKY MERCHANT on its 100-day, 45,000 global goodwill air tour would be distributed for the benefit of the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund. The decision will give collectors an opportunity of obtaining one of the most unusual philatelic souvenirs ever conceived, and simultaneously aiding an extraordinary humanitarian charity.

Placed aboard the giant Douglas DC-4, by Miami's Postmaster Hugh Emerson, the sheets will be carried on the entire flight through Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australasia and back to the United States, being postmarked at each of the cities along the route. The cost of the sheets and handling them en route is being completely paid for by the sponsors of the ATLAS SKY MERCHANT: the Atlas Supply Company, the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. The American Air Mail Society has volunteered to handle their distribution when they return in April, so that they will not cost collectors to whom they will be given, one cent.

Distribution will be handled on a basis that should represent a tremendous philatelic contribution to the fight against Cancer. One global cover will be given as a gift to each of the 5,000 top donors to the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund, in the name of philately. Donation checks, money orders or postal notes should be made out in the name of the DAMON RUNYON MEMORIAL CANCER FUND and mailed to the American Air Mail Society c/o Atlas Sky Merchant, Room 3005, R.K.O. Building, New York 20, N. Y.

Covers sent to postmasters should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flights and requesting application of the cachet. Similar requests should be addressed to the District Superintendent, District No. 3, Railway Mail Service, Cincinnati, Ohio for covers from the Air Mail Field. Space approximately 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of covers is required for the cachet.

At the request of collectors desiring backstamps, covers will be given directional service to a terminal or junction point designated by the Regional Superintendent, Air Postal Transport.

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Canada's Tribute To The Marriage Of Princess Elizabeth And The Duke Of Edinburgh Was Delayed A Month

Early in January, the Canadian Post Office Department announced that the Princess Elizabeth stamp that was to have been issued on January 15 would be postponed to February 16. This change to a later date was brought about because it was not possible to produce the stamp in time for the January date.



Collectors are again reminded that they can still obtain first day covers of this stamp if they put them in the hands of the Canadian Post Office Department at once according to the following instructions.

Persons who desire to obtain First Day Covers should send to the Postmaster, Ottawa, Ontario Canada, the addressed covers intended for First Day mailing, together with a remittance (payable to the Receiver General of Canada) covering the value of the

stamps to be used. Personal cheques must be certified or marked "Acceptable" by the Bank on which they are drawn. If the remitter asks for mint stamps as part of the proceeds, the request cannot be complied with and the remittance and unmailed covers will have to be returned to the applicant.

The new stamp will be of approximately the same size and vertical arrangements as the current 4 cents postage stamp (Scott's No. 264). If blocks of four are requested to be used on covers, covers affording the necessary space should be forwarded.

Philatelists resident in Canada are advised that it may not be possible to have the new stamp on sale at all Canadian Post Offices on the authorized First Day. Supplies will, however, be made available to all Post Offices in Canada as quickly as possible, and all the larger offices will have them on the First Day.

PLEASE NOTE: Requests for First Day Cover Service must not include orders for mint or unused stamps. Mint stamps for philatelic purposes must be obtained only from the Philatelic Division, Financial Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, and remittance therefor must be made payable to the Receiver General of Canada at Ottawa.

First day cover service will be given only at the Ottawa, Ontario Post Office. The regular cancellation of that post office on February 16 will be given to all covers received in time for the First Day mailing. The Philatelic Division will not handle first day covers.

The stamp which is to commemorate the marriage of Princess Elizabeth of Great Britain to Lt. Philip Mountbatten, R. N. is of a 4c denomination. It will remain on sale for a period of from

two to three months. Orders for the new stamp may be sent to the Philatelic Division, Financial Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, and will receive the earliest possible dispatch after February 16. Orders for the new stamp only will be given a priority over mixed orders for both the new stamp and former issues. The filling of mixed orders will take place some time later after the Elizabeth stamp single orders have been serviced.

Rough Rider Commem Wanted By Arizona

A bill by Representative Richard F. Harless of Arizona proposes a special series of postage stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Rough Riders.

The Rough Riders, a cavalry group, fought in the Spanish-American War under the command of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, later president.

Representative Harless suggested that one of the stamps bear the likeness of Capt. William Owen (Bucky) O'Neill, who enlisted in the Rough Riders while mayor of Prescott, Ariz. O'Neill was killed in action at San Juan Hill July 1, 1898.

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The official train sign of the new stainless steel Super Chief and the El Capitan will be the design of the cachet on philatelic mail carried when daily service is inaugurated at an early date. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company invites collectors to forward stamped and addressed covers to both terminals—Chicago and Los Angeles—if cancelled cachet covers for both East and West first runs are desired.

All commemorative mail is to be sent to "Cachet Mail, Passenger Traffic Manager, Santa Fe System Lines, Chicago (or Los Angeles)." Cachet mail will be post marked by the originating Post Office, placed in emergency closed pouches and carried the entire distance of the train's first run for redistribution and delivery to the addressee. It is suggested that (1) covers be addressed to the right and reasonably low; (2) a thin cardboard stuffer should be inserted in each envelope; (3) covers must be received not later than February 22, 1948 to receive the cachet before the departure time of the inaugural trains.

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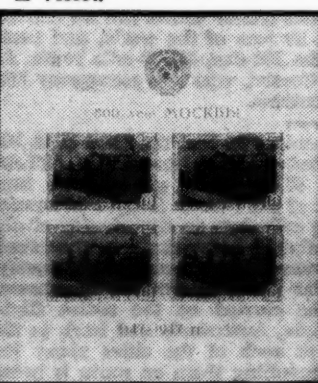
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CHINA: A new 3 value set honoring China's Constitution has been issued. Values are \$2,000.00 Orange, \$3,000.00, Blue \$5,000.00 Green, but don't let this scare you as these will probably retail for 15 cents in U. S. funds.

COSTA RICA: To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Theatre. AIR MAIL: 15-20-35-45-50-75c C1-C2-C5-C10. Total face C20.40 No official announcement regarding these stamps has yet been made in Costa Rica but it is believed that these stamps will consist of 10,000 complete sets plus, of course, larger quantities of the lower values. Date of this issue is not known but will probably be January 26.

GUATEMALA: The five cent Air Mail Red No. C133 is now being issued without the overprint. We have seen several copies used on cover but our correspondent in Guatemala informs us that none are being exported in unused condition as the decree permitting their issue without overprint is not yet official, however this decree should be approved very shortly at which time these stamps will be made available to collectors.

POLAND: A new Winter semi-postal picturing Brother Albert has been received. The value is 2 plus 18 Zlotys and the color is Violet.



RUSSIA: We illustrate the new Souvenir sheet issued in connection with the 800 Anniversary of Moscow.



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The present work is done with the same fine detail that characterized the other pages, and his work in general. The use of color is quite lavish, but the ordinary person won't begin to notice this feature until the design of the page is studied in detail. And it is only by giving a detailed study to the page that a true evaluation of its beauty can be ascertained. Even on the first sight, viewers of these pages are taken with the fine blend of the colors with the designs.

Four of the famous personages of France are depicted on the page, these being Lafayette, Moliere, St. Joan of Arc and Pasteur. Then the shield of the country is shown against a colorful background at the top of the page, and the coat of arms near the bottom. All through the design are the various coats of arms of the provinces and cities of the country. A picture of the Eiffel Tower and the Cathedral of Notre Dame are included in the design also.

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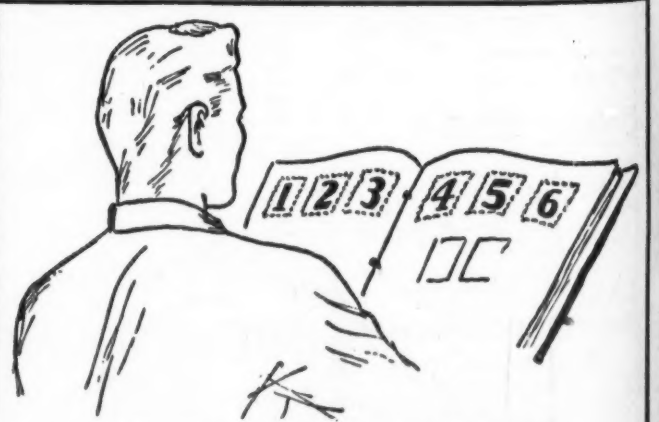
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The design with the head of the Hereford Bull (left) will be used for the 1/3 stamp, while the crocodile design (right) is to be placed on the two shilling stamp.

The 1/3 stamp is being issued because it is a more practical denomination than the present 1/4 stamp for use in connection for the rates of telegrams and parcels, and will replace the latter stamp when present stocks have been exhausted. The design of the stamp was chosen in compliment to the Australian Cattle Raising Industry. The color of this stamp will be a carmine brown.

The present 2/ stamp bearing the picture of a kangaroo is to be replaced with the one bearing the new design of the crocodile. The design is based on an aboriginal art pattern adapted to the medium of postage stamp art. This stamp will be issued in a dark chocolate color.

These stamps, which bear designs adapted from winning entries in an Australia-wide competition held at near this same time last year, will be sold concurrently with the present issue.

Major R. C. Dettman, Rifle Range, Swanbourne, West Australia, when sending the above information stated that those of the readers who had sent him remittances for first day covers for this event will all have their covers as soon as the air mail or the surface mail can deliver them. The value of 1/3 is not sufficient to carry the cover by air, so these will be sent by surface mail which takes about two months. The 2/ stamp is sufficient for airmail, and covers bearing this stamp will be sent by air.

Major Dettman will also prepare covers at cost for other readers who might be interested in the Australian issues. He will also supply the stamps from this country. Just now he is making preparations to handle the requests that he has for covers from

the Tokelau Islands when that British outpost releases its first issue of stamps, and for the New Zealand commemorative stamps for remembering the Centenary of Otago Province. Readers interested in his services can send him an amount of money to cover all their needs. This should not be in the form of an International Money Order, or stamps—bills are suggested by him. Any surplus money remaining over an above the present stamp needs will be kept to the credit of the individual and applied on other issues.

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By Carl P. Ruehl

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We now pause here for a minute to check our knowledge of United States stamps with the usual quiz.

1. The one dollar Trans-Mississippi stamp, of which nearly everyone has seen a picture, and which is considered one of the most beautiful stamps ever printed, has a design which is titled, "Western Cattle In A Storm." How nearly correct in this title in relation to the design?

2. What stamp do collectors refer to as the "Black Jack"?

Now that everyone has had a good look at the "Discovery Of Gold In California" stamp, it will probably be accepted as one of the better designs produced lately. It and the Utah commem are my choice for the two best stamps in a long time.

It seems that one of the biggest headaches of any post office is to distinguish between the hand written abbreviations for states, where the letters can be anything the way that they are scribbled. Difficulties occur such as for Maryland (Md.) when a sloppily addressed hand written inscription could be taken for Me., Mo., Ind., or N. D. The same kind of confusion develops between Miss. and Mass. and between Vt., Va., and La.

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A collector of San Antonio, Texas, Ray H. Perry, wants to know the reason for the scarcity of the offerings of the Emancipation stamp, Scott number 902. He states that in the course of the frequent auctions held by his stamp club, and a perusal of the ads in the stamp papers, plus the offerings of the auction houses, he has failed to see this stamp made available. Perhaps he isn't looking in the right place, or perhaps there aren't many around, but the POD released 44,389,550 which isn't exactly a short issue.

In line with the attempts to improve the service of Post Offices in all parts of the country, the Post Office Department has been soliciting suggestions from its personnel. These come from postmasters down to the lowest clerks, and from the post offices in the large cities as well as the ones at the whistle stops. It was rather surprising to note the number of suggestions that had to do with the request for a special Christmas stamp. This seemed to be one of the most popular suggestions of all!

Another request that was equally popular, was for the elimination of third class mail for the sending of Christmas greetings. This is the mailing privilege that lets us use a 1 1/2c stamp on the envelope providing we do not seal it, or write anything within other than our names. This type of mail does not get directory, or forwarding service, and apparently the clerks and the postmasters were appalled at the number of these greetings that had to be consigned to the waste baskets for the lack of the proper address, or the right to forward the mail.

Readers were told recently in this column that the Post Office Department was considering a revision in the manner in which persons should apply the address to their mail. Under consideration is the method whereby on the first line in place of the usual name of the addressee will be the city and state, on the next line the street and number, and on the last line the addressee's name. Some have written asking whether this is due for adoption soon. At the present time, the Department is toying with the idea, and has made no definite move toward its adoption.

In case that you have had trouble getting a small amount of the new 5c airmail stamp in coil form, you might be interested in knowing that these can be obtained in any quantity from the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C. Just send face value of the stamps plus postage and registration. You shouldn't need registration if the amount involved is small.

Domestic airmail of today carries a lot more covers with the "pint sized" 5c airmail stamp on it than was the case as short a time ago as last November. Up until that time, the larger 5c stamp carried the mails, and collectors were wondering how soon the small stamp would appear. The POD decreed that postmasters were to use up their supplies of the large size before distributing the smaller one, and this supply must have been enormous. It won't be long now until the large airmail stamp C32 will be out of circulation, and the collectors who dalled on this one will want copies at any price. They probably never will be scarce, or go up very much in price, but the stamp actually had an official life of less than one year before the

smaller stamp C33 was produced to replace it.

The answers to the quiz will close today's efforts. So here they are.

1. The design of the \$1 Trans-Mississippi stamp was taken from a painting, "The Vanguard" by J. A. MacWhirter, a Scotch artist. The scene is certainly one that has taken place many times on our Western Plains, but actually, the design was inspired by a group of Scotch cattle, caught in a violent snow storm on the highlands of Scotland!

2. The stamp known as the Black Jack is Scott No. 73. This stamp, in a black color, bears a portrait of Andrew Jackson. Therefore the "Black Jack" designation. The stamp is difficult to obtain in well centered copies since the design in most cases extends to the perforations on all sides. They are not scarce used, since over 250,000,000 copies were printed; this is a stamp that should be found in every U. S. collection, because while issued in 1863, it is not high priced.

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Pane Layout Of Japan Sport Issue

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Mr. Stanich is certainly no new comer to the world of philately, because as of the present date, he has spent approximately 35 years in the hobby as a professional. During this time he has made contributions of articles to the philatelic press on several subjects. A fine stock of many of the early historical covers of the United States are claimed by him, as well as a comprehensive holding of covers from other nations of the world. He also stocks postal stationeries from numerous countries, and carries a line of philatelic literature.

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To date, Scott Publications have never included these issues in the regular part of the Standard Catalog, always consigning them to Tentative listing. Walter Lusa of Ridgefield, N. J., who has a fine showing of these issues on cover, placed his collection at the disposal of Scott in order to have them given approved recognition. This seems about to take place, since Gordon Harmer, of Scott Publications has written to Mr. Lusa of his proposed approval.

A registered cover was sent to this office by Mr. Lusa for inspection bearing a Ljubljana postmark, and dated November 21, 1944. It had been addressed to a person in Olintz, Moravia. It bore the proper registry markings, and other indications of proper postal handling.

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BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
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New Universal Style

From the NEWS section of Hoovers Recent Auction list we note the following, "Hoovers have been shown what appears to be a Hand Electro in lower-case letters, namely Hot Springs National Park, Ark. If this is a Hand-Electric it gives rise to the thought that long names will be made in lower case letters rather than the ultra-narrow letters of the U-127." Any other suspected hand-electro having lower case letters should be reported to Hoovers or to your column editor. The appearance of such a type from just one town does not warrant a new Universal type, but if it is apparent that it is going to be the practice in towns with unusually long names then consideration must be given it for a place in the Universal Style Chart.

Notes.

A Canton Ohio Integral Hand-stamp Type has been Reported. It was on a 6c Presidential and reads CM COMPANY AUG. 6, '45. Canton. Who can tell us who the CM company is. An Integral is a precancellation that combines both the DATED feature and the Town and State name. —The Southern Cal. Bulletin mailed with a 1c Prexie from Stanton Calif. U-120N type. —The BUCKEYE Bulletin was mailed from Dunkirk, Ohio, a 1c Pres. in U-126 type.

Dealer Caters To Wants Of Plate Block Fans

Evidently, there are a number of plate block collectors around the country who are really taking the collection of these items seriously, rather than the hit and miss methods that are employed by a number of collectors in the other fields. This impression is gained from reading a copy of the bulletin that is produced by Morris "X" L. Weiss, the Plate Block Specialist.

Mr. Weiss makes a specialty of supplying matched plate number block sets to collectors, and has developed a reputation for service in this respect. He has a regular clientele whom he supplies regularly with all the new issues as they appear, plus an influx of new customers with each issuance of a stamp by the Post Office Department. Mr. Weiss notes several advantages for his customers among which the following are appreciated considerably; all shipments of plate blocks are made between aluminum sheets to forestall damage, he foots the postage bill, and he has just reduced the cost of his service recently.

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Two more values have been added to the already current series of six stamps for the State of Baden in Germany. The new additions consist of a 2 Pfg. value depicting the head of Peter Hebel, in a light gray color, and a 3 Pfg. stamp in light brown, depicting a woman of the Black Forest at the Lake of Constance. The former design was first found on the 12 Pfg. stamp of the current series, while the latter design was noted on the 45 Pfg. stamp.

Saarland.

The stamps of the Saar, current at the time that France took over this section of Germany for itself, has had ten of the values surcharged with new values in France, the French unit of exchange up until a few weeks ago. Now the final three values have been surcharged with new values of 10, 20, and 50 Fr.

Austria.

When the Allied Control Commission sanctioned the Currency Reform as advocated by the Austrian government, the Postal Ministry issued notices that it would not be wise for citizens to hoard stamps with the intention of using them for postage and try to get by with them. It was pointed out that an entirely new series of stamps would be ready for the day that the reform was to take place, and that in order to have stamps for

postage, citizens must trade 3 Schilling value of the old issues for 1 Schilling of the new.

The decree invalidated all Austrian stamps for postage that had been issued to that time. This includes the ones that were recently current such as all the values of the Landscape series, including the two overprints, the Grillparzer, Schubert, Telegraph, St. Stephens Cathedral commems, the Prisoners of War semi-postals, and all airmail stamps.

On the day that the currency reform took effect, all the values of the Landscape series was re-issued, but in red for all the values from 1 to 5 Schillings in a violet color. The denominations of 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, and 90 gr., plus 1, 2, 3, and 5 Sch. are found in the new issue.

The above action on the part of the Postal Administration of the country will do much to enhance the value of the Telegraph stamp and the last four of the airmails, since these were not current too long.

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sheet. This years Polpex is dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the birth of Count Casimir Pulaski, so the sheet has been designed as a tribute to the great patriot.

Following the pattern set some years ago, the first subject on the sheet is a bar of music taken from a composition known as The Pulaski Quick-Step. This stirring piece was played by the Boston Brigade Band and was dedicated to General J. L. C. Amee, the first commander of the Pulaski Guards. The central portion of the sheet is occupied by a reproduction of a portion of an heroic size painting which hangs in the great Polish Museum in Chicago. The title is "Pulaski at Savannah" and it was painted by Stanislaus Batowski. It depicts Pulaski mounted on a black charger leading his legions into battle against the British during the American Revolution. The stamp which is incorporated into the design is Poland Scott's No. 267, issued to commemorate Washington's Bi-Centennial. The stamp portrays Washington, Kosciuszko and Pulaski and the tribute expresses the spirit of friendship which has always existed between the two nations. The sheets are printed in a rich brown and steel blue and come in a set of two, one perforated and one imperfor-

ated. The price per set together with an explanatory folder is 20c or two sets for 35c. They may be ordered from Adam Kloskowski, 2528 N. Drake Ave., Chicago 47 Ill. Pulaski Bi-Centennial covers franked with the Pulaski stamp may be had for 20c.

The annual POLPEX will be held this year on February 13, 14, and 15 at the Polish Falcon Hall, 1062 N. Ashland Ave. in Chicago, Ill.

BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

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GREAT BRITAIN. Here is the official information in connection with the three commemorative sets soon to be issued.

1. The silver wedding of their majesties the King and Queen. This set will consist of two values 2½ pence and one pound and will be released on April 26th 1948. They will be on sale for one month only.
2. Liberation of the Channel Islands from German occupation. This will be a set of two values 1 pence and 2½ pence and will be on sale during the 1948 summer holidays only.
3. Olympic Games 1948. This will be a set of four values, 2½ pence, 3 pence, 6 pence and one shilling. They will be released in July 1948 to mark the opening of the London Olympic Games of 1948. They will be on sale for one month only.

TRANSJORDAN. A set of 12 stamps with local views and Arabic characters has been issued in Transjordan, with face values from one millieme to one pound. These apparently are not postage stamps and have no postal value and may only be labels or stickers. They are intended to raise funds for the Palestine Arabs.

IRELAND. It is rumored that one or more air mail stamps will be issued by Ireland to commemorate the inauguration on March 17th 1948 (St. Patrick's Day) of Transatlantic service from the Shannon airport to Boston and New York.

EGYPT. It is reported that seven values of the current stamps from 30m to one pound, will soon be replaced with stamps of a different design. The issuance of the set of stamps to commemorate the Agricultural Exhibition has been postponed inasmuch as the Exhibition has been postponed due to the epidemic of cholera.

ANNUAL BANQUET DATE SET BY FLORIDA CLUB

The highlight of the year for the St. Petersburg Stamp Club is the annual meeting and banquet that is held near mid-February. This year the event is to take place on February 18 at the Detroit Hotel, starting promptly at 6:45 p. m. Guest speaker for the evening will be Col. A. C. Townsend of Clearwater, Florida. Col. Townsend will offer his experiences under the heading of his talk to be titled "This Business of Stamp Hunting." The club is making preparations to accommodate more than 100 guests at this meeting for they feel certain that many of the stamp collecting fraternity who are wintering in that state will want to attend the affair.

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The research award of the SPA was taken by Henry A. Gieffers, while Joseph Jaeger had the best exhibit in the Scandinavian section which netted him the Scandinavian Collectors Club Trophy. John A. Meurer made the best showing in the United States section for the Domanski cup, and Louise S. Davis had the winner that took the Aerophilatists trophy. Fred V. Loeliger had the best showing of the stamps of Switzerland and for that feat was awarded the Helvetia Club's trophy. The Klingenstein trophy for the best exhibit of foreign stamps was won by Stephen G. Rich. Martin Neumunz had the best entry from a resident of Bergen County, and was therefore the recipient of the trophy offered by the Bergen Evening Record.

Dr. Herbert Pollack had the best entry from a resident of the Chicago area, so therefore won the Lidman trophy. For the outstanding showing of the best in the Essays and Proofs classification, Johannes de Kruijff was awarded the Stephen G. Rich trophy. Ben Reeves had the best frames in the Miscellaneous section and won the Presidents cup thereby. The Chairman's Plaque was won by the Englewood Stamp Club for the best entry by any club, while the Steiger trophy for the best Junior exhibit was won by Bruce Wein. A special award went to Lt. R. W. Scherer for his ten frame showing of the Iceland Parliament Millenary Issue of 1930.

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reproduce the designs and to supply some of the pertinent information about this issue.
Designer of these stamps was Heinrich Blechert. The 1.40 S value was engraved by Rupert Franke, the 20g and the 40g values by Herbert Toni Schimek, the 60g, and the 80g were the work of Rudolph Toth, the 10g, 75g and the 1S. stamps were engraved by Georg Wimmer, while Rudolph Zenzinger produced the engravings for the 30g and the 45g stamps.

The values, colors and the designs of the stamps are as follows:
10+5 groschen gray blue: Bridge Construction (Reconstruction of the partly destroyed Laabenbach Bridge near Neulengbach, Lower Austria)

20+10 groschen violet: Water Power (Work on the power dam of the Vermunt Lake in Vorarlberg)
30+10 groschen light green: Port Construction (Danube Port

at Vienna)
40+20 groschen olive brown: Mining (Erzberg in Styria)
45+20 groschen bright blue: Railroad Construction (Track Entrance, Southern Railway Station at Vienna)

60+50 groschen purple: Building Construction (Reconstruction of a partly destroyed communal housing project at Vienna)

75+35 groschen red brown: Industrial Reconstruction (Reconstruction of the partly destroyed Gas Works at Vienna)

80+40 groschen purple brown: Oil Drilling (Oil Refinery)

1 schilling + 50 groschen blue: Road Construction (Repair work, Alpine "Gesause" Highway in Styria)

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ing published more than 600 pic-
tures of music and 23 operettas. In
1893, he toured the United States
with his orchestra and gave sev-
eral concerts at the Chicago
World's Fair. The stamp which
covers the rate for domestic post
cards and foreign printed matter,
commemorates the 25th anniver-
sary of Ziehrer's death.

The second stamp is a 60 grosch-
er red violet, with a portrait of
the celebrated Austrian painter
Friedrich von Amerling, born on
April 14, 1803 at Vienna, where
he died on Jan. 14, 1887. Many of
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that on the basis of figures just
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cians, the Nation's railroads carried
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ing December 1947.

The figures revealed that if the
number of mail storage cars were
coupled together they would reach
541 miles. These cars, Mr. Aiken
pointed out, do not include regular
railway post offices.

Approximately 505,720,864 par-
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mately 3 parcels to every man,
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Mr. Aiken said that upward to
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